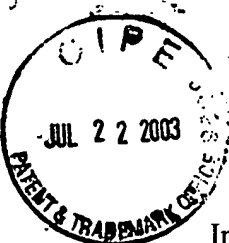


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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a response to the decision mailed from the Office of Petitions on June 9, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application (the "Decision").

The Decision denied Applicant's petition for revival for failure to file a reply to the final office action of January 15, 2002, within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 (*i.e.* Applicant's response allegedly did not *prima facie* place the application in condition for allowance). Consistent with the Decision's helpful suggestion, Applicant files herewith a request for continued examination, along with a check in the amount of \$750.

After speaking with the Office of Petitions, Applicant understands that it is unnecessary to file a second petition for revival or any additional fees herewith. In addition, Applicant submits that no extensions of time are necessary. To the extent additional time and/or fees are required, however, this is a conditional petition for any

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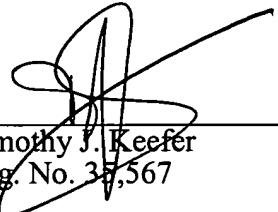
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extension needed and a conditional authorization to charge any missing fees to Deposit
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Respectfully submitted,

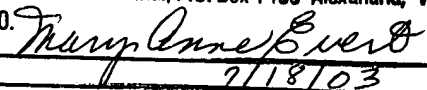
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